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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

AMCONSUL SAO PAULO

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SUBJECT: MICHEL LEGENDRE, NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO
BRAZIL

1. MICHEL LEGENDRE' 51 YEARS OLD, HAS BEEN NAMED BY THE
FRENCH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS AMBASSADOR TO
BRAZIL. HE REPLACES PAUL FOUCHET. LEGENDRE HOLDS
GRADUATE DEGREES IN LETTERS, LAW AND COMMERCIAL
STUDIES. HE JOINED THE FRENCH FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1945,
SERVING FIRST IN THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT
THE QUAI AND THEN, FROM NOVEMBER 1946 TO FEBRUARY 1948
AS ASSISTANT CONSUL IN NEW YORK; AFTER A SHORT TERM
BACK AT THE QUAI, HE WENT TO GERMANY IN 1949 WHERE HE
WAS ATTACHED TO THE FRENCH HIGH COMMISSION. FROM 1950
TO 1951 HE WAS DIRECTOR OF THE PRESS AND INFORMATION
SERVICE OF THE FRENCH HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE SAAR. HE
WAS DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE FRENCH LIAISON MISSION TO
AMERICAN FORCES IN MOROCCO FROM 1951 UNTIL 1954. DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AT THE QUAI FROM 1954 UNTIL
1959, LEGENDRE THEN BECAME DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DISARMAMENT
AFFAIRS, A SUBJECT ON WHICH HE IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED
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TO BE EXPERT. FROM 1963 TO 1968 HE WAS CONSUL GENERAL

IN NEW YORK, FROM 1968 TO 1972 AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN
AND FROM 1972 UNTIL HIS PRESENT ASSIGNMENT, AMBASSADOR
TO SOUTH AFRICA.

2. LEGENDRE'S INITIAL ATTITUDE IS RESERVED' BUT AT THE
DINNER TABLE HE TENDS TO RELAX AND BECOME MORE OPEN. HE
IS MARRIED, WITH AN ATTRACTIVE WIFE AND THREE SCHOOL-AGE
CHILDREN. HE SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND HAS WARM
MEMORIES OF HIS TOUR IN NEW YORK.

3. EMBASSY PRETORIA MAY WISH TO ADD FURTHER COMMENT.
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